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SUBJ: BUSINESS TRAVEL: MR. JEAN GBAKPOMA (C.A.R)
AND MR. JOSEPH BANAKEM-MOBAN (CAMEROON)

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1. THE EMBASSY HAS LEARNED FROM SEVERAL REPUTABLE SOURCES
THAT MR. JEAN GBAKPOMA IS NOT RPT NOT A BONA FIDE BUSINESSMAN.
HE IS CONSIDERED DISHONEST, IRRESPONSIBLE, AND OF BAD REPUTATION.

2. IN JULY 1972 OFFICE DE COMMERCE ET DE L'INDUSTRIE
(O.I.C.) ESTABLISHED A BRANCH OFFICE IN BANGUI WITH MR. GBAKPOMA
AS MANAGING DIRECTOR. OIC'S FILE WITH THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
IN BANGUI GAVE ITS PRINCIPAL OFFICE AS B.P. 19734 DOUALA,
CAMEROON AND NAMED MR. JOSEPH BANAKEM-MOBAN AS THE
PRINCIPAL OFFICER OF THE COMPANY. THE CAPITAL OF THE BANGUI
BRANCH WAS LISTED AS 1 MILLION CFAF (APPROX. DLRS 4,000).
THE ADDRESS OF OII WAS GIVEN AS B.P. 1504 BANGUI. OIC
HAD AN OFFICE IN BANGUI BUTHIT IS NOW CLOSED. OIC WAS SUPPOSED
TO BE ENGAGED IN IMPORTS, EXPORTS, AND INDUSTRY. HOWEVER, IT
APPEARS THAT MR. GBAKPOMA WHILE HE HAD GRANDIOSE SCHEMES IN
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THOSE AREAS ACTUALLY HAD LITTLE MONEY TO DAIK THEM UP. HE DID

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ORDER SOME MERCHANDISE FROM FRANCE WHICH WAS SENT TO BANGUI
AND WHICH WAS NOT PAID FOR BY GBAKPOMA AND REMAINED IN THE
CUSTOMS SHED FOR SEVERAL MONTHS. THE FRENCH SUPPLIERS
EVENTUALGY PAID TO HAVE THE MERCHANDISE RETURNED TO FRANCE.
GBAKPOMA HAS AN OVERDRAWN ACCOUNT OF 500,000 CFA (DLRS
2,500) WITHHBANQUE NATIONALE POUR COMMERCE ET DEVELOPPEMENT.

3. RECOMMEND EXTREME CAUTION IN DEALING WITH GBAKPOMA.
DECON UPON RECEIPT.
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